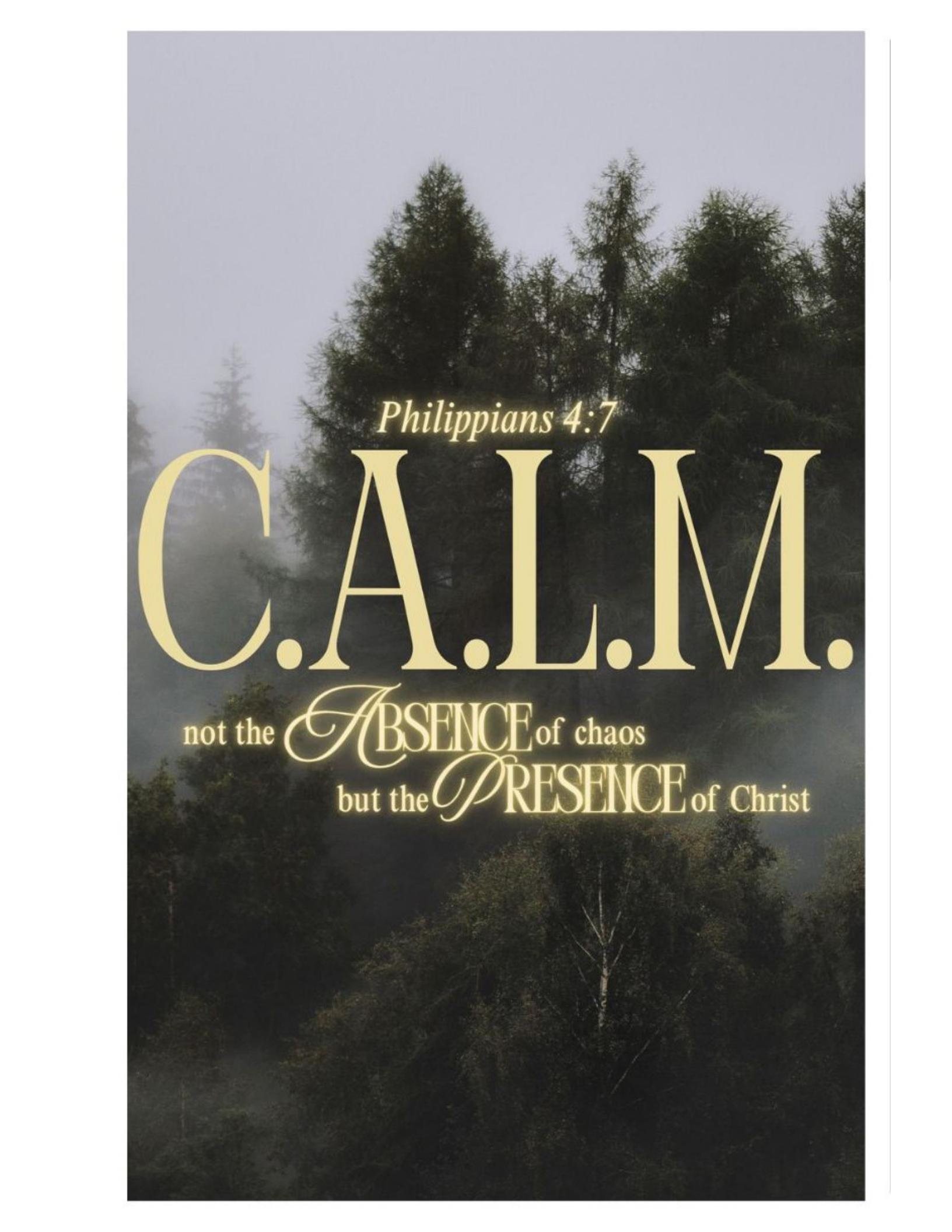




Philippians 4:7

C.A.L.M.

not the *A*BSENCE of chaos
but the *P*RESENCE of Christ

LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE



Welcome to Creekside Church!

We're so glad you've joined us today! We're wrapping up our message series **C.A.L.M.: Peace Isn't the Absence of Chaos; It's the Presence of Christ**. Over the last few weeks, we've discovered that peace isn't passive... it's practiced.

We've learned to **Celebrate God's Nearness** (He's our *Presence*), **Ask God for Help** (through *Petition*), and **Leave it with God** (choosing *Perspective* through praise).

And this week, we come to the final step: **M – Meditate: Think on These Things**.

Paul writes in **Philippians 4:8**, “**Fix your thoughts** on what is true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, and admirable.”

I've learned firsthand that my mind follows my focus. If I fixate on fear, I feel anxious. But when I focus on God's truth, peace begins to take root.

Not long ago, I caught myself replaying a frustrating situation in my head, again and again. Ever been there? The more I thought about it, the bigger it grew. Then I stopped, took a breath, and whispered, “*God, I choose to think on what's true.*” It didn't change the situation, but it changed me. That's what meditation does, it trains your mind to park in the right place.

Your challenge this week: when worry starts talking, change the channel. Replace the lie with a verse, a prayer, or a song of truth.

Because anxiety loses its power when you **draw near, pray honestly, praise intentionally, and think truthfully**.

Thank you for being here today! Let's keep learning to live with the peace only Christ can give!

Pastor George

Upcoming Happenings

HAIRCUTS FOR HARVEST | NOVEMBER 15 | [SIGN UP HERE](#)

Join us for Haircuts for Harvest—a **fun and meaningful way to support Creekside's Annual Harvest Offering!** For just \$30, get a fresh trim (men, women, and kids welcome) from our talented team, using their gifts to bless others. We're also **teaming up with Celebrate Recovery for a bake sale**—so come enjoy some sweet treats while giving generously to our church and community. **Spots are limited, so reserve your time slot today!** Save the date, spread the word, and let's make an impact together!

HARVEST OFFERING | NOVEMBER 23

One of our Creekside holiday traditions is our annual Harvest Offering that we receive the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving. This tradition was started as a way for people to express thanks through giving for the blessings we have received. All of the resources received are used to bless and support local outreach needs, national and international ministries, missionaries, church plants and any other needs that arise. This is the one “special offering” we receive each year and, due to the growing generosity of Creeksiders, this offering makes it possible to not need to ask for other special offerings during the year. We ask Creeksiders to pray and begin to prepare now for this Harvest Sunday so we can continue to grow our hearts and give to reach the hearts of our community and world. As we say around here, “If you want to be blessed, be blessable.” Creekside is a blessed church!

THANKSGATHERING SERVICE | NOVEMBER 27

Join us Thursday, November 27 from 9:00–10:00 a.m. for a special Thanksgiving celebration! We'll start the holiday with gratitude, worship, and heartfelt letters of thanks read by Creeksiders of all ages. It's one of our favorite traditions—wear your favorite flannel, give thanks, and kick off the holiday with us.

DECK THE HALLS | NOVEMBER 29 | [SIGN UP HERE](#)

Help Us Deck the Halls! Join us Saturday, November 29 from 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. as we transform Creekside for the Christmas season! We'll be decorating the Worship Center, Courtyard, and Parking Lots—making the whole campus shine for our community. Coffee, hot cocoa, and donuts will be provided to keep us fueled, and pizza as we finish up! Whether you're a decorating pro or just want to help, we'd love to have you join us. Please sign up to let us know you're coming.

Upcoming Happenings

CELEBRATE RECOVERY | MONDAY NIGHTS AT 7 PM | [LEARN MORE](#)

Here at Creekside, we believe that life isn't meant to be lived alone, and that the Christian life invites us into living in community as we not only celebrate our victories but also face our personal struggles. That's why we're excited to provide a beautiful community for courageous strugglers through the ministry Celebrate Recovery. This is an encouraging and safe place to open up about our struggles and begin the healing journey. **We meet on Mondays from 7:00-9:30 p.m.** here at Creekside. E-mail recovery@creekside.org if you have questions.

Children & Youth

KIDZ CLUB | WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Kidz Club Season 4! Kidz Club is for kindergarten through 5th grade kids and brings all the fun, friends, and faith-based teaching that you get on a Sunday morning to a Wednesday night. With experiments, special guests, theme nights and so much more, this is a club you want to be in! This fun opportunity to connect with families midweek provides an additional avenue for students to form healthy Christian friendships to last a lifetime, learn how to apply biblical principles to everyday situations, memorize Scripture they have studied, and develop life skills in a safe and fun environment. Grab a couple of your friends and join us on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

BE INFORMED OF UPCOMING CYC EVENTS | [CLICK HERE](#)

- CYC Youth Group - Wednesday nights @ 6 PM
- CYC Jr. High & Sr. High small groups - Various days/times

VISIT GUEST CENTRAL

We have Bible Reading Plan Bookmarks, Sermon Note Sheets and Creekside Merchandise. We look forward to assisting you and fielding any questions you may have.

BIBLE READING PLAN BOOKMARK

If you are looking for a schedule to read the Bible every day, we have a handy bookmark that will take you through the entire Bible in one year! Imagine reading the same passages each day along with your fellow Creeksiders! You can pick up a current month's bookmark at Guest Central any Sunday or [CLICK HERE to download one](#)

Giving

GIVING AT CREEKSIDE

Giving is part of our worship to God. Whether you're tithing out of obedience to Malachai 3:10 or giving sacrificially beyond your tithe, your gift will help us spread the good news of the Gospel to our community and beyond. Here at Creekside, no matter what you give, we encourage you to give with gratitude and love for Jesus. We've made giving to Creekside simple, even while you're on the go! Choose your favorite way to give confidentially.

- Text creeksidechurch to 77977
- Online at creekside.org/give
- Through the Creekside Church Martinez App
- Via cash or check...just drop it in giving stations near the rear exits on Sundays or mail

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Explore what is going on and how you can get connected.

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If you have questions for any of our staff, feel free to reach out and email them or call our church office to speak with them.